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NEWS RELEASE

EPFD responds to Condition 2 fire

Firefighters respond to Condition 2 fire at 300 block of Link Dr.

El Paso, Texas – At approximately 1:19 a.m. on Thursday Nov. 10, the El Paso Fire Department was dispatched to a condition 2 fire at the 300 block of Link Dr. when passers-by saw smoke and flames and called 9-1-1. Upon arriving on the scene at 1:28 a.m., crews found a home fully engulfed in heavy smoke and flames. Firefighters began to simultaneously fight the fire and search for occupants reported to be inside the home. The occupants of the house had self-evacuated.

Firefighters knocked down the majority of the fire at 1:55 a.m. but continued checking for hot spots. The fire was under control at 3:01 a.m. 100% of the home suffered damage, estimated at \$153,000. The origin of the fire was outside the home, but the cause is under investigation.

A 52-year-old male was transported to a nearby hospital with non-life threatening injuries. There were no injuries to firefighters. A total of 12 units and 30 personnel from the El Paso Fire Department responded to this incident. El Paso Electric, Texas Gas and El Paso Planning and Inspections, assisted in the incident.

The home did have working smoke alarms. In less than 30 seconds, a small flame can get completely out of control and begin filling a home with thick, black, poisonous smoke. In just a few minutes, a home can become completely engulfed with flames. With the advance notice of a working smoke alarm, residents can escape with their lives.

To request fire extinguisher training, help with a home/work escape plan or inquire about smoke alarms, the public can call (915) 485-5699 or visit www.elpasotexas.gov/fire-department/services.

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